TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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THANKS, TEXAS EMPLOYERS!

As 1991 ends and we all look forward to the New Year, we at TEC wish to once again express our gratitude to all employers who are participating in our various programs which collect data from you. Your continued cooperation makes it possible for us to generate much of the information in this newsletter. We join with you in hoping that 1992 will be a better year for Texas and for all of you!

Texas Unemployment Rate Declines

The Texas actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate decreased between October and November, from 7.2 percent to 6.8 percent. The current rate was the same as the November 1990 rate. There were 579,600 jobless Texans in November 1991, down by over 36,000 from the October level. Total employment rose by over 60,000 between October and November, to an estimated 7,979,800 in mid-November. The downturn in unemployment over the month probably does not represent any real improvement in Texas economic conditions in November, but rather is a return to the general levels experienced in the past few months (with the exception of October, when the rates rose substantially). Much of the over-the-month employment increase was due to hiring for the Christmas rush.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also fell over the month, from 7.9 percent to 6.6 percent. The seasonally adjusted U. S. jobless rate remained the same, at 6.8 percent.

Nonfarm Jobs Rise

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment in Texas totaled 7,190,700 in November '91, which represented a growth of 14,100 jobs over the month. The over-the-year change was a gain of 70,900.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov.'91	Oct. '91	Nov.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,396.0	125,568.0	124,822.0
Unemployment	8,286.0	8,013.0	7,211.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.4%	5.8%
Total Employment	117,110.0	117,555.0	117,611.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,257.0	125,549.0	124,723.0
Unemployment	8,499.0	8,582.0	7,337.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.8%	5.9%
Total Employment	116,758.0	116,967.0	117,386.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,559.4	8,533.6	8,524.4
Unemployment	579.6	616.1	583.1
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.2%	6.8%
Total Employment	7,979.8	7,917.5	7,941.3
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,517.0	8,553.0	8,467.0
Unemployment	561.0	672.0	569.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	7.9%	6.7%
Total Employment	7,956.0	7,881.0	7,898.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,400	50,300	51,100	95,600	94,900	95,900	444,500	442,600	440,900
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,200	3,300	5,000	5,000	4,800	21,100	23,300	20,900
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	6.4%	6.5%	5.2%	5.3%	5.0%	4.7%	5.3%	4.7%
Total Employment ++	47,600	47,100	47,800	90,600	89,900	91,100	423,400	419,300	420,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,500	173,300	168,300	90,200	89,400	87,600	107,600	107,500	106,200
Total Unemployment	13,500	13,900	12,800	5,900	5,400	5,200	13,400	13,900	14,200
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	8.0%	7.6%	6.5%	6.0%	5.9%	12.5%	12.9%	13.4%
Total Employment ++	161,000	159,400	155,500	84,300	84,000	82,400	94,200	93,600	92,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	64,700	63,900	63,200	167,700	168,500	168,200	1,444.6	1,443.6	1,443.1
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,400	2,000	13,800	14,700	14,100	89.7	98.2	83.1
Percent Unemployed	3.9%	3.8%	3.2%	8.2%	8.7%	8.4%	6.2%	6.8%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	62,200	61,500	61,200	153,900	153,800	154,100	1,354.9	1,345.4	1,360.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	254,200	253,500	255,700	732,300	734,000	737,700	111,100	111,300	109,600
Total Unemployment	26,600	28,600	31,100	47,600	52,900	44,500	8,200	8,200	8,600
Percent Unemployed	10.5%	11.3%	12.2%	6.5%	7.2%	6.0%	7.4%	7.4%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	227,600	224,900	224,600	684,700	681,100	693,200	102,900	103,100	100,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,759.5	1,759.1	1,741.6	96,900	96,600	96,700	53,300	52,700	53,900
Total Unemployment	105.5	113.5	98.2	7,000	7,400	7,900	5,100	5,200	6,400
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.5%	5.6%	7.2%	7.7%	8.2%	9.6%	9.9%	11.9%
Total Employment ++	1,654.0	1,645.6	1,643.4	89,900	89,200	88,800	48,200	47,500	47,500
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,600	78,500	79,500	115,800	115,300	117,600	163,500	161,900	169,700
Total Unemployment	6,600	6,900	6,100	6,700	7,100	6,200	30,600	30,200	36,700
Percent Unemployed	8.4%	8.8%	7.7%	5.8%	6.2%	5.3%	18.7%	18.7%	21.6%
Total Employment ++	72,000	71,600	73,400	109,100	108,200	111,400	132,900	131,700	133,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	48,400	47,800	53,400	53,000	51,300	44,200	44,200	43,900
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,200	2,500	3,900	4,100	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,500
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	6.6%	5.2%	7.3%	7.7%	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	46,000	45,200	45,300	49,500	48,900	48,500	41,700	41,700	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	603,000	601,800	608,900	46,900	46,900	47,700	57,100	56,500	57,300
Total Unemployment	38,000	42,300	46,900	3,100	3,300	3,000	4,200	4,500	3,900
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	7.0%	7.7%	6.6%	7.0%	6.3%	7.4%	8.0%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	565,000	559,500	562,000	43,800	43,600	44,700	52,900	52,000	53,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,200	73,700	74,400	37,200	37,000	35,900	93,100	93,500	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,200	5,300	1,700	2,100	1,700	5,800	6,300	6,000
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.1%	7.1%	4.6%	5.7%	4.7%	6.2%	6.7%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	68,800	68,500	69,100	35,500	34,900	34,200	87,300	87,200	87,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,700	54,800	55,200				8,559.4	8,533.6	8,524.4
Total Unemployment	3,400	4,000	3,700				579.6	616.1	583.1
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	7.3%	6.7%				6.8%	7.2%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	51,300	50,800	51,500				7,979.8	7,917.5	7,941.3

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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Total **Nonmanufacturing** increased by 16,200 from October. At 6,218,400, this was up 87,400 from November '90.

Wholesale and Retail Trade showed the largest increase, up 10,700 from October. Much of this gain was due to jobs created for the Christmas rush, many of which will be deleted early in 1992. Three-fourths of the total November job additions were in Retail Trade, which was up 11,400 over the month. Large seasonal increases within Retail Trade occurred in General Merchandise, up by 4,700; in Other Retail Trade, up by 3,600; and in Apparel and Accessory Stores, up by 2,900. Food Stores rose by 800 over the month, while Building Materials and Supplies increased by 100. The only losses in Trade were seen in Wholesale Trade and in Eating and Drinking Places, both down by 700.

Government registered a sizeable gain of 7,500 from October. Local Government rose by 5,800, State Government increased by 1,600, while Federal Government was up by 100. The administrative portions of State and Local Government increased slightly in November. However, the largest growth was in education. Much of this increase was temporary or short term employment such as substitutes and student employment in jobs tied to grants.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate gained 500 jobs from October. The only loss in F.I.R.E. was in Depository Institutions, including Banks, which fell by 300. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers and Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate both had gains of 400 over the month.

Services increased by 500 from October. Large gains of 3,100 in Health Services and 1,100 in Personal Services were offset by losses in Business and Repair Services, down by 1,500; in Other Services and Miscellaneous, down by 1,300; in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, down by 800; and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, down by 300.

Construction experienced a seasonal downturn in November with the advent of less favorable weather. The industry saw a loss of 2,300 jobs overall, with every segment of the business registering a decline but Heavy Construction Except Highway and Street, where a small gain was recorded.

Mining reported a loss of 400 over the month, with all of the loss showing up in Oil and Gas Extraction.

Transportation and Public Utilities decreased by 300 from October. Several sectors of Transportation reported no change

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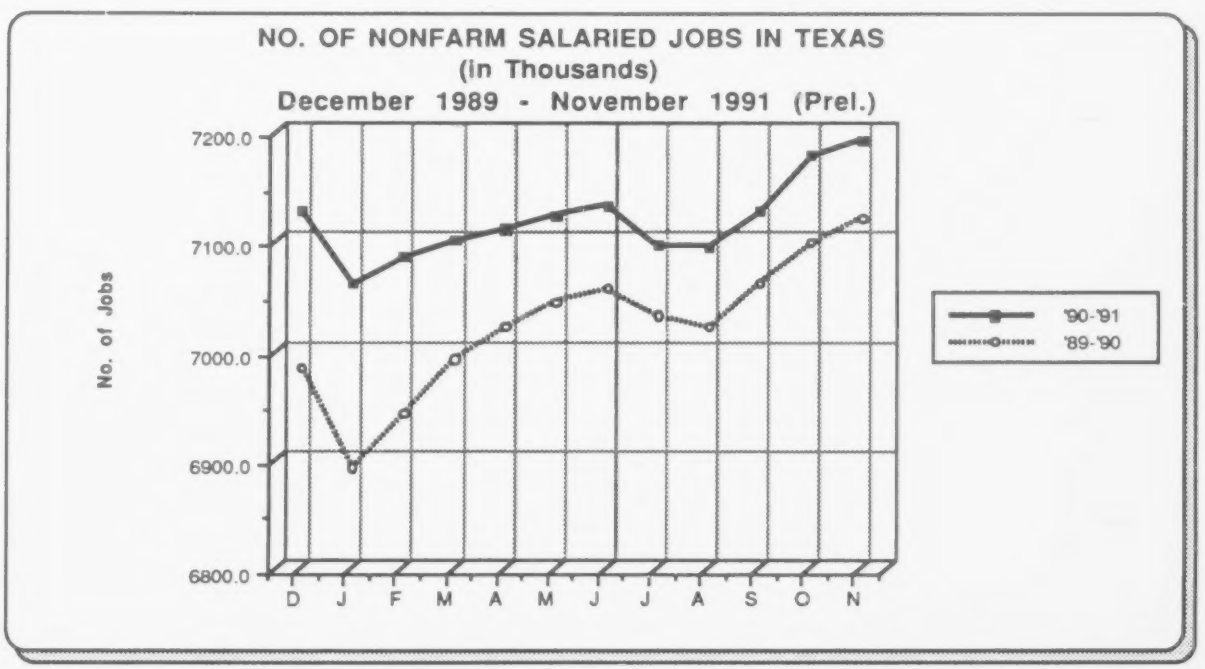

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	NOV. '91*	OCT. '91**	NOV. '90**	Chg. from OCT. '91	Chg. from NOV. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,190,700**	**7,176,600**	**7,119,800**	**14,100**	**70,900**
MANUFACTURING	**972,300**	**974,400**	**988,800**	**-2,100**	**-16,500**
Durable Goods	**540,100**	**541,300**	**562,800**	**-1,200**	**-22,700**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,600	31,800	31,700	-200	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,600	7,600	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	15,300	15,300	16,000	0	-700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,400	33,200	34,600	200	-1,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,000	14,000	15,100	0	-1,100
Primary Metal Industries	29,500	29,500	30,000	0	-500
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,100	80,400	82,100	-300	-2,000
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,000	39,200	40,400	-200	-1,400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	111,400	112,700	115,900	-1,300	-4,500
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	26,300	26,700	27,200	-400	-900
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	96,900	96,700	103,400	200	-6,500
Transportation Equipment	86,200	86,200	94,300	0	-8,100
Aircraft & Parts	59,900	59,600	68,800	300	-8,900
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,300	39,000	39,000	300	300
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,400	16,500	15,800	-100	600
Nondurable Goods	**432,200**	**433,100**	**426,000**	**-900**	**6,200**
Food & Kindred Products	101,000	102,300	102,500	-1,300	-1,500
Meat Products	32,000	32,100	31,500	-100	500
Dairy Products	4,200	4,300	4,300	-100	-100
Bakery Products	9,600	9,700	9,800	-100	-200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	57,200	56,800	54,700	400	2,500
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,600	24,600	-100	-100
Printing & Publishing	74,800	74,500	75,000	300	-200
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,600	35,400	36,400	200	-800
Chemicals & Allied Products	89,600	89,700	85,200	-100	4,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,400	31,400	29,700	0	1,700
Petroleum Refining	28,200	28,200	26,400	0	1,800
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,300	42,400	42,600	-100	-300
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,100	7,400	0	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,218,400**	**6,202,200**	**6,131,000**	**16,200**	**87,400**
Mining	**176,200**	**176,600**	**183,000**	**-400**	**-6,800**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,100	9,200	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,000	167,500	173,800	-500	-6,800
Construction	**346,100**	**348,400**	**338,300**	**-2,300**	**7,800**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**435,800**	**436,100**	**427,300**	**-300**	**8,500**
Railroad Transportation	18,100	18,100	18,600	0	-500
Other Transportation	250,500	250,800	240,900	-300	9,600
Transportation by Air	82,400	82,500	77,500	-100	4,900
Communications	88,200	88,200	89,000	0	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,000	78,800	0	200
Electric Services	40,200	40,200	40,500	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	26,700	26,800	27,000	-100	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,735,000**	**1,724,300**	**1,723,800**	**10,700**	**11,200**
Wholesale Trade	421,300	422,000	423,500	-700	-2,200
Retail Trade	1,313,700	1,302,300	1,300,300	11,400	13,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	40,000	39,900	39,900	100	100
General Merchandise Stores	187,900	183,200	189,600	4,700	-1,700
Food Stores	240,600	239,800	238,500	800	2,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	138,400	138,400	138,400	0	0
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,100	76,200	79,300	2,900	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	442,700	443,400	426,800	-700	15,900
Other Retail Trade	185,000	181,400	187,800	3,600	-2,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**428,300**	**427,800**	**429,200**	**500**	**-900**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	123,700	124,000	128,000	-300	-4,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	146,500	146,100	143,600	400	2,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,100	157,700	157,600	400	500
Services	**1,766,700**	**1,766,200**	**1,723,600**	**500**	**43,100**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,200	86,500	86,500	-300	-300
Personal Services	81,300	80,200	78,400	1,100	2,900
Business & Repair Services	448,700	450,200	449,800	-1,500	-1,100
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	75,600	76,400	75,800	-800	-200
Health Services	513,900	510,800	478,900	3,100	35,000
Educational Services	89,400	89,200	89,100	200	300
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	154,400	154,400	152,900	0	1,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	317,200	318,500	312,200	-1,300	5,000
Total Government	**1,330,300**	**1,322,800**	**1,305,800**	**7,500**	**24,500**
Federal Government	205,200	205,100	199,300	100	5,900
State Government	302,000	300,400	287,400	1,600	14,600
Local Government	823,100	817,300	819,100	5,800	4,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Nov.'91*	Oct. '91**	Nov.'90**	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91**	Nov.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,900	48,800	48,700	78,300	78,500	78,700	385,600	384,400	385,200	152,100	151,400	148,100
Manufacturing	4,500	4,400	4,500	9,000	9,100	8,900	48,900	48,700	49,400	26,200	26,100	25,600
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	900	900	1,100	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,000	3,000	3,200	12,300	12,300	12,200	15,100	15,000	12,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	5,600	5,600	5,500	12,200	12,300	12,000	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,800	22,800	22,800	22,700	77,300	76,800	77,700	34,200	33,700	33,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,100	4,200	4,400	23,100	23,300	23,400	5,500	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,600	14,500	17,800	17,900	17,700	130,200	99,900	98,100	37,700	37,700	36,200
Government	9,200	9,200	9,200	15,100	15,000	15,200	110,900	110,400	111,700	21,900	21,900	21,600
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	68,900	69,000	67,200	77,800	78,000	75,200	57,400	57,100	56,300	138,100	138,900	137,900
Manufacturing	16,900	17,100	16,800	12,100	12,100	11,200	3,500	3,500	3,500	12,400	12,400	12,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	—	—	—	600	500	600	4,000	4,000	4,100
Construction	9,300	9,600	8,800	2,400	2,400	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700	11,700	11,900	13,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,500	3,500	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,600	6,600	6,600
Trade	13,200	12,900	12,700	20,800	20,900	20,200	11,900	11,400	11,400	32,200	32,500	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,700	3,400	1,800	1,800	1,900	6,100	6,100	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,900	10,000	9,700	17,800	17,900	17,200	10,900	10,700	10,800	33,800	34,100	32,700
Government	12,800	12,600	12,500	17,500	17,500	17,800	25,500	26,000	25,100	31,300	31,300	30,600
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,383.5	1,381.2	1,386.5	211,700	210,900	210,100	595,500	586,300	592,200	77,100	77,800	76,500
Manufacturing	211.2	211.1	220.0	41,000	41,400	42,600	102,800	103,300	116,600	8,500	8,500	8,800
Mining	17.7	17.8	17.9	—	—	—	4,400	4,400	4,600	700	700	800
Construction	44.9	45.7	47.5	7,700	7,700	7,900	20,700	21,800	22,300	4,100	4,200	4,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.0	85.1	83.5	10,700	10,700	10,800	58,000	58,100	56,300	5,200	5,500	5,300
Trade	361.4	357.4	359.5	53,500	52,600	52,400	152,000	150,700	152,400	15,300	15,400	15,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	122.2	122.5	124.1	8,300	8,100	8,400	26,600	26,600	27,100	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	375.8	377.3	370.8	44,800	44,800	43,700	140,600	141,100	135,700	15,000	15,200	14,700
Government	165.3	164.3	163.2	45,700	45,600	44,300	80,400	80,300	77,200	23,200	23,200	22,700
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,639.4	1,640.7	1,622.1	75,300	74,900	73,300	45,400	45,100	45,100	89,100	89,100	89,500
Manufacturing	176.4	176.9	176.7	8,700	8,700	8,900	1,500	1,500	1,700	15,800	15,900	16,000
Mining	69.5	70.5	70.5	—	—	—	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,300	3,300	3,500
Construction	109.4	110.2	111.2	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,200	1,200	1,300	4,100	4,100	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	112.3	112.9	111.5	2,500	2,500	2,500	6,400	6,400	6,200	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	377.6	375.5	376.0	16,900	16,600	15,900	14,100	13,800	14,400	16,900	16,900	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.2	100.7	103.1	3,400	3,400	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	475.7	476.8	462.6	18,000	18,000	17,400	8,200	8,300	7,900	14,200	14,100	14,100
Government	218.3	217.2	210.5	23,400	23,300	22,800	10,500	10,400	10,000	8,600	8,600	8,900
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,600	98,800	100,300	104,600	104,700	103,200	45,800	45,300	44,800	45,700	45,400	44,500
Manufacturing	6,800	6,900	7,100	12,800	12,900	13,900	2,400	2,400	2,300	4,700	4,800	4,300
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,100	8,800	9,200	5,200	5,100	5,400
Construction	3,900	4,000	3,300	4,500	4,500	4,500	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,500	2,400	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,400	5,300	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	2,500	2,500	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,000
Trade	28,200	28,300	29,000	32,600	32,600	32,000	11,000	10,900	10,600	12,900	12,800	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,500	3,900	3,900	4,000	2,100	2,100	2,300	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,900	24,900	25,600	18,500	18,500	18,100	9,900	9,800	9,500	8,800	8,800	8,200
Government	23,700	23,600	23,900	28,400	28,400	26,600	7,300	7,300	7,100	8,480	8,400	8,100
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	37,000	37,500	36,700	526,200	523,900	523,900	37,700	37,600	38,400	46,900	46,800	46,800
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,000	43,900	43,400	43,400	10,500	10,400	11,000	6,500	6,600	7,100
Mining	300	300	500	1,800	1,800	1,900	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	22,300	22,500	22,100	1,300	1,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,600	22,600	22,600	21,900	1,500	1,600	1,600	2,500	2,500	2,400
Trade	9,000	9,400	9,100	132,700	132,000	132,600	8,000	8,000	8,000	11,000	10,900	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	37,400	37,500	39,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,600	9,000	141,600	141,100	140,400	9,700	9,700	9,700	11,600	11,500	11,200
Government	7,800	7,800	7,700	123,900	123,000	122,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	12,000	12,000	11,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	63,100	63,200	62,700	30,100	29,600	28,500	83,600	83,600	82,400	80,400	80,100	80,400
Manufacturing	11,000	11,000	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100	15,400	15,500	15,500	8,200	8,100	8,300
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,500	3,300	3,200	3,000	1,800	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,000	15,900	16,100	7,900	7,800	7,600	19,300	19,200	19,200	11,600	11,500	11,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,400	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,500	15,900	6,900	6,800	6,400	23,300	23,400	22,600	12,900	12,900	12,600
Government	9,800	9,900	9,700	5,700	5,500	5,300	13,700	13,700	13,300	9,700	9,700	9,700

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91	Nov.'90	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91	Nov.'90	Nov.'91*	Oct.'91	Nov.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 469.27	$ 461.25	$ 444.16	42.7	42.2	42.1	$ 10.99	$10.93	$10.55
Durable Goods	455.18	449.01	436.72	42.5	42.2	42.4	10.71	10.64	10.30
Lumber & Wood Products	320.54	329.84	313.02	42.4	43.4	42.3	7.56	7.60	7.40
Furniture & Fixtures	316.20	314.06	280.62	40.8	41.0	38.6	7.75	7.66	7.27
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	416.24	417.85	425.75	43.0	43.3	43.4	9.68	9.65	9.81
Primary Metal Industries	509.01	495.32	512.11	43.1	42.7	44.3	11.81	11.60	11.56
Fabricated Metal Products	434.73	424.42	421.61	43.0	42.4	43.6	10.11	10.01	9.67
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	454.03	448.31	453.33	43.2	42.9	43.8	10.51	10.45	10.35
Oil Field Machinery	556.71	557.13	608.40	48.2	48.7	52.0	11.55	11.44	11.70
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	453.20	446.62	461.89	41.2	40.2	41.8	11.00	11.11	11.05
Transportation Equipment	624.45	614.13	529.43	42.8	42.5	40.2	14.59	14.45	13.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	434.30	429.53	406.55	41.6	41.5	40.9	10.44	10.35	9.94
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	310.08	319.95	310.08	39.5	40.5	40.8	7.85	7.90	7.60
Nondurable Goods	485.20	475.17	452.45	42.9	42.2	41.7	11.31	11.26	10.85
Food & Kindred Products	400.43	387.43	373.23	44.1	43.0	42.9	9.08	9.01	8.70
Meat Products	306.80	292.50	277.30	44.4	42.7	42.4	6.91	6.85	6.54
Malt Beverages	886.67	840.66	965.71	45.1	43.4	50.8	19.66	19.37	19.01
Textile Mill Products	383.04	373.80	324.21	45.6	44.5	41.3	8.40	8.40	7.85
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	232.99	226.55	208.00	37.7	37.2	36.3	6.18	6.09	5.73
Paper & Allied Products	535.81	518.32	492.84	44.8	44.0	44.4	11.96	11.78	11.10
Printing & Publishing	454.31	446.88	427.05	40.6	39.9	39.8	11.19	11.20	10.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	767.13	760.84	729.08	45.5	45.1	44.0	16.86	16.87	16.57
Petroleum & Coal Products	816.56	792.10	812.73	45.9	44.4	47.5	17.79	17.84	17.11
Petroleum Refining	847.32	818.66	851.18	46.1	44.3	47.9	18.38	18.48	17.77
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	411.70	408.59	379.96	43.2	43.1	40.9	9.53	9.48	9.29
Leather & Leather Products	279.14	278.28	275.67	41.6	42.1	40.6	6.71	6.61	6.79
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	665.74	645.38	638.45	46.2	45.1	46.5	14.41	14.31	13.73
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	656.88	664.07	632.26	48.3	49.3	50.5	13.60	13.47	12.52
Oil & Gas Extraction	665.62	644.22	638.48	46.0	44.8	46.2	14.47	14.38	13.82
Communications	538.77	534.66	544.82	38.9	38.8	41.4	13.85	13.78	13.16
Elec., Gas & San. Services	575.33	569.53	553.62	41.6	41.3	42.1	13.83	13.79	13.15
Wholesale & Retail Trade	250.00	248.58	241.71	32.3	32.2	32.1	7.74	7.72	7.53
Wholesale Trade	442.89	438.99	427.85	39.9	39.8	39.8	11.10	11.03	10.75
Retail Trade	194.15	192.26	186.55	30.1	29.9	29.8	6.45	6.43	6.26
General Merchandise Stores	197.56	193.70	184.14	30.3	29.8	29.7	6.52	6.50	6.20
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	321.26	322.66	312.54	36.3	36.5	36.3	8.85	8.84	8.61

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 451.50	$ 441.32	$ 425.79	42.0	41.4	41.5	$ 10.75	$ 10.66	$ 10.26
Durable Goods	464.39	453.87	446.48	41.5	41.0	42.2	11.19	11.07	10.58
Nondurable Goods	429.56	420.42	391.48	42.7	42.0	40.4	10.06	10.01	9.69
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	495.60	490.88	454.50	42.0	41.6	40.4	11.80	11.80	11.25
Durable Goods	517.88	517.90	470.30	41.9	41.8	40.3	12.36	12.39	11.67
Nondurable Goods	450.05	438.37	418.18	42.1	41.2	40.6	10.69	10.64	10.30
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	558.69	560.70	562.25	44.2	44.5	45.6	12.64	12.60	12.33
Durable Goods	476.54	474.56	479.07	43.8	43.9	45.8	10.88	10.81	10.46
Nondurable Goods	660.67	667.15	666.36	44.7	45.2	45.3	14.78	14.76	14.71
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	340.30	339.49	325.19	41.0	41.3	40.7	8.30	8.22	7.99
Durable Goods	346.42	346.94	335.30	40.9	41.7	41.6	8.47	8.32	8.06
Nondurable Goods	334.14	331.30	315.22	41.1	40.8	39.8	8.13	8.12	7.92

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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over the month, while most of the loss occurred in Other Transportation.

Manufacturing declined by 2,100 from October. At 972,300, this was down 16,500 from one year ago. **Durable Goods** lost 1,200 jobs over the month. The largest loss in Durables was in Industrial Machinery and Equipment, down 1,300 from October. Other smaller losses were found in Fabricated Metal Industries, down by 300, Lumber and Wood Products, down by 200, and in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, down by 100. Some small gains in Durables were seen in Instruments and Related Products, up by 300 and in Stone, Clay and Glass Products and in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, both up by 200 over the month.

Nondurable Goods lost 900 jobs from October. The largest decline was in Food and Kindred Products, which was down by 1,300. The majority of this loss was observed in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables, where a seasonal decline in business resulted in layoffs by major producers. The only increases in Nondurables were in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, up by 400, and in Printing and Publishing, up by 300 over the month.

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Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 637,400 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by six cents from October to November 1991. Average Weekly Hours were up by five-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $8.02 over the month. This was $25.11 above the November 1990 level of $444.16 per week.

In mid-November a worker, on average, was earning $10.99 per hour for a 42.7-hour week, and making $469.27 in weekly earnings. This compares with $10.93 per hour for a 42.2-hour week, at $461.25 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.55 per hour for a 42.1-hour week, with $444.16 in Average Weekly Earnings.

The largest increase in Average Weekly Earnings was in Nondurable Goods, up by $10.03 over the month. The most significant rise was in Malt Beverages (part of Food and Kindred Products), which was up by $46.01 from October. This was due to more overtime worked by major breweries. Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods increased by $6.17 over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	NOV.'91	NOV.'90
Total Population	17,350,100*	17,196,200*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.5
UI Covered Employers	327,557	318,547
Total Claims Actions	633,112	572,634
Total Initial Claims Actions	74,927	74,918
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	558,185	497,716
Total Placements	not available	32,289
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$164.76	$156.63
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$70,865,814	$59,949,840

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